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MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN RANSOM K. DAVIS, USN

Subject: Recommended Revision of S. 2102 (Bridges Bill)

Reference: (a) S. 2044

1. In accordance with your telephone request, the following comments are furnished regarding the subject Bill. They have the approval of the Director of Central Intelligence.

a. Sec. 202 of Reference (a) S. 2044, is satisfactory as a legal provision for the establishment of a Central Intelligence Agency, subject to the following changes:

(1) S. 2044, Sec. 202 (b) (2), lines 15-21, change to read, "recommend to the Council of Common Defense the establishment of such over-all policies and objectives as will assure the most effective accomplishment of the national intelligence mission, and coordinate such of the intelligence activities of the departments and agencies of the Government as relate to the national security in accordance with the policies and objectives approved by the Council of Common Defense;"

(2) S. 2044, Sec. 202 (c), lines 7-10, change to read, "The responsibility and authority of the departments and other agencies of the Government to collect, evaluate, correlate and disseminate intelligence, and to perform other intelligence operations shall not be affected, except....."

b. Any bill creating a Central Intelligence Agency should include the provisions that the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency is authorized:

(1) To employ the services of such part-time advisory personnel as he may deem necessary to carry out his duties.

(2) To appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary to perform his duties and as may be appropriated for from time to time by the Congress.

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Such provisions are included in Sections 301 and 302 of S. 2044
and Sections 106 (d) and 301 of S. 2102.

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